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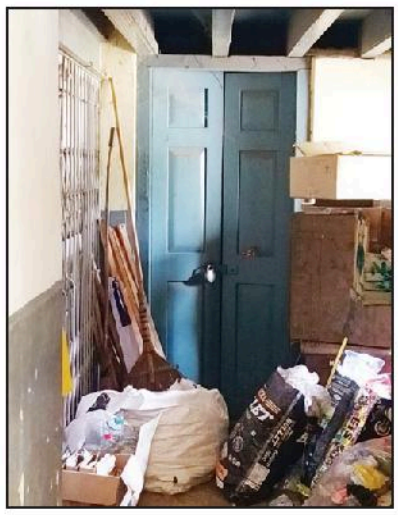

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (BLU&BS)- The old Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office building, a heritage structure in the heart of the city, has unfortunately transformed into a haven for those seeking merriment.

Over the past four months, since the DC Office and several Government departments relocated to the new District-Level Office Complex in Siddarthanagar on Male Mahadeshwara Road, this vacant old building has gradually devolved into a hub for illicit activities.

This imposing edifice, dating back to 1895, holds special significance as a 128-year-old heritage structure on Krishnaraja Boulevard. Originally constructed during the reign of Chamaraja Wadiyar X, it was meant to host meetings of the Mysore Representative Assembly.

The building is dedicated to Sir James Davidson Gordon, who served as Chief Commissioner of Mysore State from 1878 to 1881, the year when the kingdom of Mysore was restored. A statue of Gordon stands in front of the old DC Office building, facing Maharani's College Road.

(See DC OFFICE on page 7)

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District Minister thanks people, officials for a successful Dasara

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa addressing a press meet at Government Guest House in city this morning. Others seen are** (from left) **Congress Rural President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, City Congress President R. Murthy and former Corporator Shivanna.

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (MTY&DM)- District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa expressed his gratitude to the people, officials and all stakeholders for the resounding success of this year's Dasara festival.

Speaking at a press conference held at the Government Guest House this morning, he praised the unexpected success of Dasara and extended his thanks to all those who contributed to it. Dr. Mahadevappa highlighted that more than 10 lakh people had either directly or indirectly participated in Dasara this year. He emphasised that besides showcasing the grandeur of our rich heritage, culture and traditions, this year's Dasara conveyed important social messages to society.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 29th October 2023

Ph.D awarded to SDM-IMD research scholars

Rajeev Kalebar

Nataraj

Vishwanantha

Mysuru, Oct. 29- Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD) is a recognised research centre of the University of Mysore and three research scholars from the centre were awarded the Doctorate at the recently held 103rd Annual Convocation of the University.

Rajeev Kalebar worked under the guidance of Dr. N.R. Parasuraman, Professor of Finance, SDM-IMD and submitted a thesis titled 'Data Envelopment Analysis for Complementing Financial Ratios: Financial Statement Analysis of Indian Automobile Companies.'

R.T. Nataraj completed his thesis titled 'Influence of Conflict Management and Leadership on Succession Planning: A study of Family Business in Karnataka' under the guidance of Dr. Mousumi Sengupta, Professor of OB and HR, SDM-IMD.

M.R. Vishwanantha received doctorate for his research work titled 'Impact of E-learning on Higher Education in India: An Analytical Study' under the guidance of Dr. H. Gayathri, Retired Professor of Marketing, SDM-IMD.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

NRN GETS IT WRONG: *N.R. Narayana Murthy in a recent interview said that India's productivity is one of the lowest in the world and needs improvement. No argument there. But it's Murthy's solution — young people should be willing to work even 70 hours a week — that's problematic. Economists of all stripes agree that enhancing productivity is the key to long-term economic growth. Productivity improvement is influenced by three interrelated factors: The pace and extent of technological diffusion in an economy, the quality of human capital and the efficacy of public investment.*

That India's productivity, per ILO data, is among the lowest in the world is not because Indians don't work long enough. ILO data shows that the average hours clocked per person in a week in India is almost 48, one of the highest in the world. The inverse relationship between hours worked and productivity has everything to do with the level of technology and human capital. India's productivity per hour in 2021 was $8.47, while that of France was $58.5 even though the average French worker clocked only about 30 hours a week.

Even China, the world's second largest economy with a stellar track record of economic growth for three successive decades, does poorly. Its hourly productivity in 2021 was only $13.53 because almost 25% of the workforce is still deployed in agriculture. Productivity will increase when the bosses — political and corporate — invest in the right things.

— In The Times of India

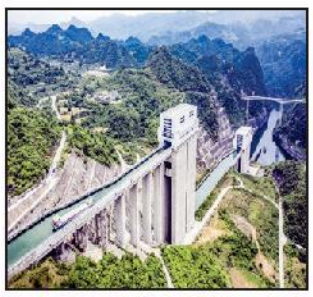
NEWS SPARKLERS

World's darkest river discovered by scientists

Bimbo: Ruki, a tributary of the Congo River, has recently been dubbed the darkest river in the world, with water so dark that you can't even see your face in front of you.

In what is considered the first-ever scientific study of the African river, scientists concluded that the dark-coloured water is caused by the high levels of dissolved organic matter from the surrounding rainforest. Scientists found that the color is caused by carbon-rich compounds leached out of rotting plant matter and washed into the Ruki River by rainwater and floods. Dr Travis Drake, lead author of the recently published study, said that the Ruki is "essentially jungle tea" in which carbon-rich plant matter is brewed. The resulting coloration of the water makes the Ruki darker than the Rio Negro.

World's largest ship-lift is an impressive feat



Guizhou: The Goupitan ship-lift in China's Guizhou Province is the largest ship-lift in the world. It can lift ships with a displacement of up to 500 tons to a height of 199 mts (653 ft).

Dams are characterised by a drastic change in water levels and that makes navigating large waterways a daunting task. Luckily, advanced technology makes things a lot easier, and the Goupitan ship-lift incorporated into the Goupitan Hydropower Station is a perfect example.

Completed in 2021, it consists of three different hydraulic lifts connected by navigable water channels with a total distance of 2.3 kilometres. Located on the Wu River, a tributary of the Yangtze River in Guizhou, the Goupitan ship-lift is one of the world's most intriguing technological marvels, one that makes shipping along the waterway so much easier.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Risk factors for urinary bladder cancer are smoking, exposure to chemicals like dye, tar and increasing age, being male, chronic bladder inflammation and family history of bladder cancer.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant - Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

UoM Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Oct. 29- **R.A. Shahin Taj** has been awarded Ph.D in Zoology by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'A Study on the Effect of Herbal Extracts of Saraca Asoca (Ashoka) and Asparagus Racemosus (Shatavari) on Neonicotinoid Pesticide, Acetamiprid Induced Reproductive Toxicity in Female Wistar Rats' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M. Bhagya.

P. Akhileshwari has been awarded Ph.D in Physics by the Universtiy of Mysore for her thesis 'Crystal Structure and DFT Studies of Some Heterocyclic Compounds' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.A. Sridhar.

B.R. Manjula has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore for her thesis 'Adhunika Kannada Katha Sahityadalli Corporate Jagathu (Prathinidhikavagi 1990-2015)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S.D. Shashikala.

M.P. Naveenkumar has been awarded Ph.D in Folklore by the University of Mysore for his thesis titled 'Janapadada Belavanigege Kannada Dinapathrikegala Koduge' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M. Nanjaiah Honganuru.

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Today's Outflow **567 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,850 cusecs**

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Salute to Traffic Cops

Sir,

As the curtains came down to yet another year of Mysuru Dasara celebration, I would like to take this opportunity to salute our Traffic Cops.

It's been nearly two decades since the time I have visited Mysuru during Dasara and I was amazed to see a complete changeover in the celebration pattern. *Jumboo Savari* being the grand finale, Mysuru was flocked with visitors from across the country in large numbers.

The entire city was decked up with beautiful lights and a variety of installations in all major junctions which was a treat to watch.

In all these celebrations and grandeur, what puzzled me was the Cops managing such a huge crowd. Entire credit should go to our Traffic Police who managed all major junctions and events tirelessly with minimum chaos.

On behalf of all Mysureans, I would like to thank our Cops for doing their job diligently so we could enjoy without any hassle.

I am today putting down on paper the new age Dasara memories I enjoyed during my stay in Mysuru and would cherish till my next visit.

—Aparna Pawan
Mysuru
25.10.2023

Teppotsava held atop Chamundi Hill

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (MK&DM)- Four days after the Dasara festival concluded with *Jumboo Savari* procession on Tuesday, the Chamundeshwari Teppotsava took place at Devikere atop Chamundi Hill in the presence of hundreds of devotees on Saturday evening.

As part of Dasara festival, the Rathotsava was held atop the Chamundi Hill on Thursday, followed by Teppotsava at Devikere atop the Hill yesterday evening.

Ahead of Teppotsava, the Golden Palanquin *(Pallakki)* was brought from Mysore Palace at about 4 pm yesterday, following which the Teppotsava was held at 5 pm. The Teppotsava, which was being held late in the evening in the past years, was conducted at 5 pm with all associated rituals in the rejuvenated Devikere lake atop the Hill on Saturday because of Lunar Eclipse *(Chandra Grahana)*.

The day began with the performance of *Vasantha Puja* to Goddess Chamundeshwari atop the Hill on Saturday morning, followed by' Avabhrutha Teerthasnana' and Mantapotsava.

Later the idol of the deity was brought in the Golden Palanquin to Devikere, where the Teppotsava was conducted with Pujas and rituals, which were done under the guidance of the Hill Temple Chief Priest Dr.Shashishekar Dikshit.

Meanwhile, the Chamundi Hill Temple, which was closed for devotees on account of Lunar Eclipse last evening after the idol of the deity was brought back to the Temple, reopened for devotees at 7.30 this morning (Sunday), it is learnt.

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AICTE approves 8 engineering colleges for evening classes

Mysuru, Oct. 29- The All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) has granted approval to eight engineering colleges in Karnataka to offer engineering courses through evening education, catering to professionals.

Among these colleges, five are located in Bengaluru while one each can be found in Gadag, Tumakuru and Mysuru (Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering), and they have been authorised to offer selected courses.

In the academic year 2019-20, AICTE discontinued evening engineering courses that were previously offered in 12 colleges across the State.

This time, it is mandatory for evening colleges to be affiliated with colleges recognised by the National Accreditation Board (NBA), which means that Government colleges like UVCE and others have not received approval.

Prof. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal of Vidyavardhaka Technical University, stated: "Admission to these courses requires candidates to have completed a diploma programme and be actively employed professionals. The courses will be conducted during evenings and weekends, with some subjects available for online instruction."

A condition set by AICTE is that students seeking admission to these courses must reside within a 50-kilometre radius of the college.

Elected as Fellow of National Academy of Sciences, India

Mysuru,Oct. 29- Renowned Scientist and Satish Dhwan award-winner **Prof. Praveen C. Ramamurthy of Mysuru** has been elected as a Fellow of National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI).

Prof. Praveen

Prof. Ramamurthy, serving as Professor at the Department of Materials Engineering, Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru, has been recognised for his outstanding contributions towards developing organic photovoltaics, sensors and ultra-thin EMI shielding coatings. He is a resident of Ramakrishnanagar and presently stays inside IISc. campus.

Shoe World festival offer

Mysuru, Oct. 29- As part of Deepavali festival, 'Shoe World' at its new showroom at Shivarampet, opposite Mannars Market, is providing 'Buy 2 Get 1 Free' offer on high quality sandals, shoes and all other footwear of its In-house Brand for both men and women till Nov. 27.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Tailoring and embroidery classes

Karnataka Tanda Development Corporation has invited applications from unemployed Banjara community women for admission to three-month Tailoring & Embroidery classes. Banjara community women living in Tandas of Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts can apply. The admitted candidates will be given a monthly stipend of Rs. 6,000 for three months. Interested Banjara women can obtain the prescribed application form from the Corporation's Office located at Banjara Bhavan, M. Veeraraj Urs Layout, 5th Main Road, Parasayyanahundi, Srirampura, Mysuru. For details, contact Mob: 99004-22003, 79965-59086 or 91139-45460, according to a press release.

Inter-district journalists meet

A one-day inter-district meet of journalists from Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Hassan, Tumakuru and Ramanagara districts will be held under the aegis of Mandya District Unit of Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) at Suma Ravi Kalyana Mantapa, M.C. Road, Kallahalli here at 10 am on Oct. 31. Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will inaugurate the meet while Mandya District In-charge Minister N. Chaluvarayaswamy will distribute insurance policies to journalists. The valedictory will take place at 4 pm in the presence of Adichunchanagiri Seer Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji.

Free anti-rabies vaccination camp

Dogs Protection Trust has organised a free anti-rabies vaccination camp for pets at Nandi Park, BEML Layout 2nd Stage, Nandi Circle, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Mysuru, on Nov. 5 from 10 am to 5 pm. For details, contact Mob: 91080-21554 or 93421-46455, according to a press release.

New Registrar of Music Varsity

Senior Officer M.R. Rajesh has been appointed as the Registrar of the city-based Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, according to a press release from the Under-Secretary of the DPAR (Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms) Umadevi.

M.R. Rajesh

Grand Kannada Rajyotsava in city on Nov. 1: DC Dr. Rajendra

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (BS)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra has said that "Kannada Rajyotsava celebration has been organised on a grand scale on Nov. 1 at Oval Grounds in city and the Officers, pro-Kannada activists, school and college students should join hands to make it a success."

Addressing the preliminary meeting at his Office on Thursday, the DC directed School Literacy and Education Department to encourage school and college students to take part in Rajyotsava celebrations, as the next generation holds the responsibility of conserving Kannada in the coming days.

Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations will begin on Nov. 1 at 8.30 am with puja to Goddess Bhuvaneshwari Devi at the temple in Palace premises by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, followed by the hoisting of flag at Oval Grounds. A procession of cultural troupes and tableaux will be taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple to Oval Grounds via K.R. Circle, D. Devaraj Urs Road and old Deputy Commissioner's Office.

The cultural glory of the land should unfold with the playing of songs highlighting the pride of the land, tableaux and cultural troupes. A parade should be taken out in a disciplined manner and the district-level achievers, especially those in Government Schools at rural areas with cent percent results in the previous academic year will be honoured. Cultural programmes has been organised at Kalamandira on the same day at 6 pm.

It is compulsory for all Government employees to attend the Rajyotsava celebrations, instructed DC Dr. Rajendra.

Pro-Kannada activist Arvind Sharma said "The boards at tourist spots in city are in English when Kannada should be given due priority. The Kannada boards are in a deplorable condition, hence measures should be taken to restore them."

Following this, DC directed Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff to install sign boards/ name boards in Kannada first at 10 most busiest places in city.

Additional Deputy Commissioner P. Shivaraju, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar, Deputy Director of Rangayana Nirmala Mathapati, Joint Director of Kannada and Culture Department V.N. Mallikarjuna Swamy, Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Mysuru District Government Employees Association President J. Govindaraju and various other pro-Kannada activists attended the meeting.

Go by norms to select Rajyotsava Awardees: CM

Bengaluru, Oct. 29 (BS)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has instructed the Officers to abide by the norms while selecting eligible persons for Rajyotsava Award, without ignoring regional justice and representation to all caste, religion and gender.

The CM came out with the instructions while chairing a high-level meeting of Rajyotsava Award Selection Committee here on Thursday.

The CM informed that "The award should be given to a total of 68 persons this year, besides reserving 10 for the organisations and associations in the wake of Karnataka Sambhrama (marking the completion of 50 years for renaming the State as Karnataka)."

The CM also reiterated that to restrain the number of applicants for the award, it had been decided during the previous term of the Congress Government to select the number of awardees equalling the year of completion of unification of Karnataka.

Earlier, the Committee members opined that a total of 10 awards should be bestowed on organisations and associations which have worked for the cause of Kannada, on account of the completion of 50 years for renaming the State as Karnataka.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj S. Tangadagi, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar, Social Welfare Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Political Secretaries to the CM K. Govindaraj and Naseer Ahmed, Secretary of Kannada and Culture Department N. Manjula, Director Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti and others were present at the meeting.

Rs. 2 lakh accident insurance scheme launched

Mysuru, Oct. 29- The Labour Department has registered unorganised workers classified under 379 categories for the Rs.2 lakh accident Insurance scheme — Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana — through e-Shram portal. The registration of unorganised workers was done between Aug. 26, 2021 and Mar. 31, 2022.

Accordingly, the families of this insurance covered workers who died in accident, can avail compensation under the scheme by submitting the Aadhaar Card number, e-Shram card number, Death Certificate and Medical Certificate that explains the cause of death of the beneficiary.

Also, those who became disabled due to accident can apply for insurance compensation by submitting the required documents. The eligible beneficiaries can apply at the Labour Office located on New Kantharaj Urs Road in Kuvempunagar. For more details, call Ph: 0821- 2343990.

Applications invited for accident relief

Mysuru, Oct. 29 - Under the Karnataka State Private Commercial Vehicles Workers Accident Relief Scheme, the Labour Department has invited applications from vehicle drivers, conductors and cleaners of Mysuru district for the accident relief scheme.

Under the scheme, two children of the dead or permanently disabled victim will get educational scholarship of Rs. 10,000 annually until PUC education.

This apart, the families of victims (drivers, conductors and cleaners) who died in accidents will get a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh and the families of permanently disabled accident victims will get a compensation of up to Rs. 2 lakh in accordance with the disability.

The applicants must be residents of Karnataka and in the age group of 20 to 70 years, according to a press release.

For details, visit the Labour Department Office on New Kantharaj Urs Road in Kuvempunagar.

Retired KSOU Professor stages protest for pension

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (GA&DM)- Accusing the KSOU authorities of showing apathy in resolving his pension issue, Prof. M. Rangaswamy, a retired Kannada Professor of city-based KSOU, staged a solo stir in the Office of the KSOU Vice-Chancellor here on Friday.

Prof. Rangaswamy had retired from KSOU in July 2022.

Alleging that he had not been paid pension for the past 15 months post his retirement in July last year, Prof. Rangaswamy maintained that his pension problem has not been solved though he met the VC on Oct. 11, during which he was assured of pension settlement.

But even after many days of the assurance, his pension problem remains unresolved, he said adding that the Varsity authorities issued the pension order after much persistence.

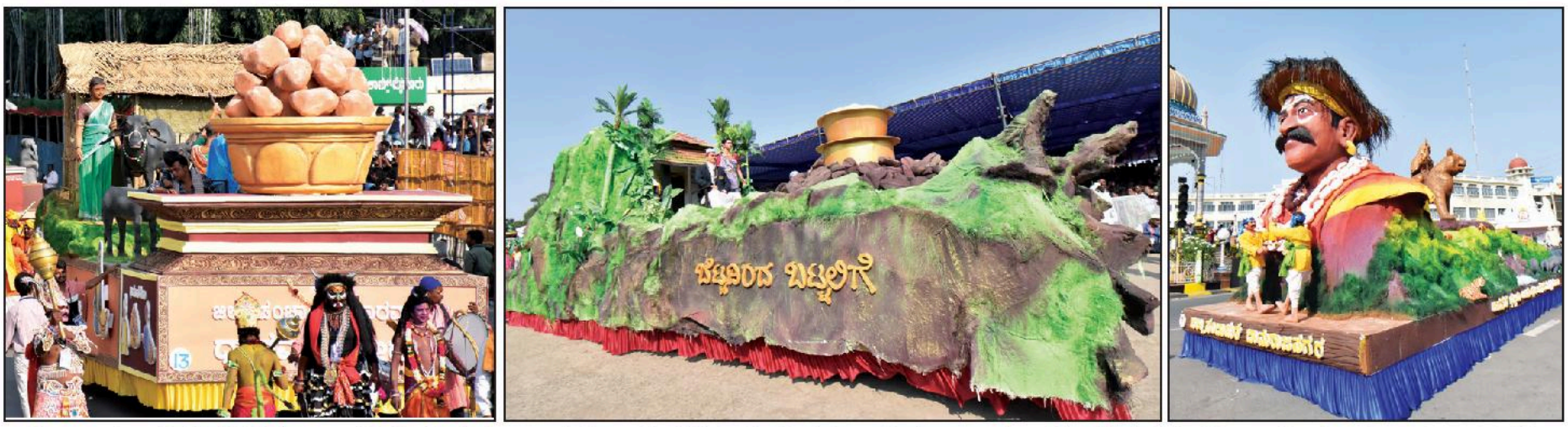
Stating that the authorities have promised him of pension by Oct. 31, he said he would wait until then and was withdrawing his stir based on the promise.

Prof. Rangaswamy had also served as the Registrar (Evaluation) of KSOU and also as Registrar of the city-based Music University.

Two-wheelers topple *en masse* at Dasara Exhibition Grounds

Last evening, over 30 to 35 two-wheelers parked at the Exhibition Grounds tipped over on their sides. The exact cause of this incident remains unknown. The consequences were evident, as many bikes and scooters suffered damages, including scratches, dents and fuel leaks. Late at night, when many vehicle owners returned from the Exhibition, they were dismayed to find dents on their brand-new bikes' fuel tanks and fairings. A few parking attendants employed by the Dasara Exhibition parking authorities claimed that a cow had inadvertently pushed a bike in one corner, leading to the domino effect resulting in the fall of all the vehicles in that particular line.

Tableaux from Dharwad, Chikkamagalur, Chamarajanagar bag top three prizes



Mysuru, Oct. 29 (MTY&DM)- The tableaux of Dharwad, Chikkamagalur and Chamarajanagar districts bagged the first three prizes in the *Jumboo Savari* procession that took place here on Tuesday.

The tableaux of Hassan, Mandya and Shivamogga districts bagged consolation prizes.

A total of 49 tableaux, including 31 from all the 31 districts of the State, 2 of the Dasara Tableaux Sub-Committee and 14 of various Government Departments and Bodies had taken part in the *Jumboo Savari* procession held on Tuesday.

In the districts category, Dharwad bagged the first prize, while Chikkamagalur bagged the second prize and Chamarajanagar, the third prize.

The Dharwad district tableau featured the famed Dharwad Peda and the district's rare Buffalo species, which is famous as 'Dharwada Yemme'.

The Chikkamagalur tableaux was based on the theme 'From the Hills to the Cup' (Bettadinda Battalige), that highlighted the devastation and destruction of the rich greenery of the district, which is covered by a range of hills and forests.

The Chamarajanagar tableau featured Goravara Kunita, a popular folk dance, the famed Malai Mahadeshwara Hill Range , Tiger and Elephant Reserves and Hill Ranges of the district.

The Hassan district tableau, which won the first consolation prize, showcased the famous temples of the district. The Mandya district tableau, which won the second consolation prize, showcased its Sugarcane industry and Jaggery Mills *(Aalada Mane)*. The Shivamogga district tableau, which bagged the third consolation prize, showcased Kuvempu's birthplace Kuppalli and his messages to the society, the statue of Shivappa Nayaka and the district's bird sanctuaries and wildlife reserves.

In the Government Departments and Bodies category, the Tourism Department tableau bagged the first prize, while that of Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited bagged the second prize and Information and Public Relations Department the third prize. The KMF (Karnataka Milk Producers Federation Limited) bagged the consolation prize.

The Dasara Tableaux Sub-Committee President Ahinda Javarappa said that a total of 49 tableaux took part in the procession and all of them carried good messages to the society.

The tableaux of Hassan, Mandya and Shivamogga districts bag consolation prizes

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Musings on a much-muted Dasara

Our expectantly awaited annual Nada Habba has come and gone for this year. Our State Government had announced, well in advance, that in view of the very anaemic monsoon that we are all going through right now, this year's Dasara would be a much-muted and simpler version of what it used to be in the years that have gone by.

We were also told that this year the focus would be more on lighting up the streets and buildings rather than on the other more expensive trappings and trimmings that make our Dasara what it usually is.

Thankfully, over the past few years, due to the arrival of LED lights, lighting is no longer a very expensive affair because it now consumes power very frugally. **Thankfully too, for our Government, the truant monsoon came in handy to take the blame for whatever austerity that was visible this year, to the local public and our tourists and visitors too.**

I say this because even if the monsoon had been generous and bountiful, our show would perforce, have been the same as what we saw this year, because a bountiful monsoon alone cannot make our State glow through a lavish Dasara. You need to have a full, if not overflowing treasury, to make this happen, as nothing works like free-flowing cash, if you need to showcase grandeur. And, as of now, free-flowing cash is what is most obviously in short supply in our State!

All said and done, what was most pleasantly noticeable during this year's Dasara was the way our city had been lit up. We saw very muted colours, without any of the garish and clashing contrasts that used to jar our senses, as it used to be in the past. **Except for a few buildings, mostly Government ones, that stood out like sore thumbs, with their incongruous lighting, the whole city bore one expansive golden glow that beautifully matched the age-old, vintage look of our illuminated Palace, that took its place of pride, like the main jewel in a piece of beautifully crafted jewellery!**

So, driving around the city was a very soothing and mesmerising experience that brought much joy to the soul. Thankfully, over the past few years, the timings of the Dasara lighting too have also been much extended, which has contributed to the comfort and ease with which people can enjoy it, without congesting the roads in their desperate bid to beat the switching off time.

While complimenting and thanking all those who were responsible for planning our Dasara lighting to be what it was this year, let's all hope that they will stick to this sense of aesthetics in the years to come too, without overdoing it with misplaced over-enthusiasm. **Let us retain this ethereal signature look of Mysuru in all the years to come!**

Killing our groundwater with our kindness for good looks!

These days I am seeing that the footpaths along almost all our roads and even minor bylanes are being covered up with concrete pavementing blocks. What appears odd is that this is being done even in the most sparsely populated, fringe areas of the city, with hardly any pedestrian movement.

An example that comes to my mind immediately is the very wide 3rd Main Road in K.C. Layout, that takes off from the Chamundi Hill road, near the quaint looking Government Health Centre and connects the helipad road. **It is an already beautiful and tranquil stretch of road that passes alongside a few farmsteads that have remained islands of tranquillity, albeit incongruity, amid urban turmoil! I envy their owners for the peace and quiet that they are enjoying, right in the heart of a bustling city.**

This road that I'm talking about, certainly does not require or benefit from any further beautification or ornamentation. If we only look around a little, we will find that there are dozens of such examples across our city. While pavementing may be an exercise in beautifying our city, or making life easy for pedestrians, no one involved in this process seems to be aware of what damage it can do to the recharging of our fast-depleting groundwater resources, by preventing the percolation of rainwater.

Groundwater that is being mercilessly and thoughtlessly overdrawn, has just one source of replenishment and that is rainwater. **While Government authorities across the country are making it mandatory for all new buildings, both private and public, to have rainwater harvesting provisions, it seems absurd that they are themselves ignorant of the deleterious effects of pavementing our footpaths and open spaces that can greatly help the absorption of rainwater.** I strongly feel that this over-enthusiasm for beautifying our city should be moderated with concern for our water resources which need the maximum attention if we have to lead comfortable lives in the future. So, this needs a very scientific, State-wide approach, under the able guidance of a team of qualified and knowledgeable experts.

It should certainly not be an exercise that should be undertaken by lay persons as is being done now.

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Prayer meet blast in Kerala: One killed, several injured

Amit Shah calls for NIA, NSG probe

Kochi, Oct. 29 (Agencies)- Kerala Police are put on high alert after a series of blasts at a Sunday prayer convention of the Christian denomination Jehovah's Witnesses which killed one person and injured over two dozen, a few of them critically, near Kochi in Kerala.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan told the media the incident was unfortunate and the Police have taken it very seriously.

"Senior officials, including the State DGP, have moved to Kochi. Among the injured, the condition of two is serious," he said.

The incident happened at Jehovah's Witnesses gathering at Zamra International Convention and Exhibition Centre at Kalamassery, near Kochi, where around 2,500 faithful from across the State had gathered for a prayer session.

Eyewitnesses told reporters the blasts happened in the middle of the convention centre. The first blast among the many explosions occurred around 9.30 am minutes after the day's prayer session began.

People who were present at the convention centre told the media that the first blast occurred in the middle of a prayer.

Kerala DGP later said preliminary investigation shows it is an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) blast, with a "tiffin box" suspected to have been used to store it.

Senior Police officials have rushed to the spot and put the entire force on alert across Kerala.

The Police have sealed the convention centre and have begun investigation to ascertain the causes of the blasts.

NIA and NSG teams head to Kerala

Teams of the anti-terror force National Security Guard (NSG) and anti-terror probe agency National Investigation Agency (NIA) are being sent to Kerala following a directive from Union Home Minister Amit Shah to assist the Kerala Government.

"The Home Minister spoke to the Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to take stock of the situation after the blast. The Chief Minister briefed the home minister about the incident," a source said.

Meanwhile, Delhi has been put on high alert after the Kerala blast incident. Instructions have been issued to increase security of all churches in Delhi, sources said.

Obituary

Dr. M.V. Shanthakumar

Mysuru, Oct. 29- Dr. M.V. Shanthakumar (78), senior ophthalmologist and a resident of Deewan's Road, passed away yesterday evening in city.

He had also served as the President of Gommatagiri Kshetra Samithi and Mahaveer Vidya Samsthe, former President of Mysuru Ophthalmologists Association, Vice-President of Vachakanahalli Brahmadeva Samithi, member of Pinjrapole and Immediate Past President of Jain Milan.

He leaves behind his son Santosh Kumar Jain, daughter-in-law Chethana, grandchildren Smarana and Saanvi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

T.R. Ramaiah

T.R. Ramaiah (93), Founder of Sukrutha Educational Institutions and retired Principal, passed away yesterday in city. He had served as the Principal of PU Colleges at Mirle, Madhugiri and Tumkur besides serving as DDPI in Bengaluru.

He leaves behind his wife Indiramma, son Shamanth, daughter Dr. Sujatha, son-in-law Dr. Halappa and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Kuvempunagar Burial Grounds this afternoon.

N. Umesh

N. Umesh (63), a resident of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, passed away following brief illness yesterday evening in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this morning.

Gajanana Sripada Bhide

Gajanana Sripada Bhide (80), retired General Manager of Ideal Jawa, passed away following brief illness yesterday in city.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Security concerns arise as Mysore Palace electric fence has no power

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (GA&BS)- Mysore Palace, a prominent tourist destination that draws visitors from around the world, is not immune to threats due to its unique status in Southern India. Given its significance, it has become a potential target for destructive activities, necessitating enhanced security measures.

Ironically, the electric fence encircling the Palace, intended to provide security, has become ineffective and symbolic, failing to deter intruders. The 2.5-kilometre compound wall is lined with an electric fence, but it no longer delivers a shock upon contact. This vulnerability was exposed when people easily breached the wall during *Jumboo Savari* procession on Oct. 24.

In the wake of the November 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai, India implemented heightened security measures at key tourist destinations, including the Mysore Palace, to prevent similar incidents. The then City Police Commissioner, Dr. Parashivamurthy, recommended robust security measures, prompting then Deputy Director of Mysore Palace Board, P.V. Avaradi, to propose the installation of a solar fence.

However, the proposal was rejected, and instead, an electric fence was installed through the Electronic Corporation of India (ECI), a Government subsidiary, at a cost of Rs. 1.25 crore. The electric fence consisted of eight sections, each 250 metres in length, with a capacity of 220 volts. In addition to delivering a shock, it was designed to trigger alarms in the control room. Sadly, it has now become ineffective.

Police stop intruders passing through inactive electric fence at Mysore Palace on** Jumboo Savari **day.

Wooden logs have been placed to cover the gap below electric fence at Mysore Palace to check intruders.

Furthermore, the Palace has been equipped with 118 cameras for security, including 16 closed-circuit cameras, an X-ray baggage scanner and a Narcotics and Explosives Detector capable of detecting explosives within a 100-metre radius.

Deputy Director of the Palace Board, T.S. Subramanya acknowledged the issues with the electric fence, stating, "The electric fence functions intermittently and is turned off when the Palace cows are released for grazing."

H. Satish, Assistant Executive Engineer of the Electricity Sub-Division at Mysore Palace Board, added, "The technology used for the electric fence has become outdated and requires upgrading. This matter has been discussed in Palace Board meetings and the fence will be modernised using the latest technology."

Heritage DC Office building

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Once the hub of administration with Dewans at the helm, it now resembles an abandoned structure, reminiscent of a haunted mansion, often used as a venue for late-night parties with copious amounts of liquor. Even during daylight hours, people hesitate to pass by due to fear of encountering unruly individuals.

As the public avoids this area at night, it has become a magnet for drunkards. The presence of empty liquor bottles, juice containers, cigarette butts, and packets strewn around the building attests to this unfortunate transformation.

The structure is an amalgamation of heritage and modern styles, but it has deteriorated in recent years with visible signs of wear and tear, particularly on the ground floor. Despite its condition, the authorities have proposed to establish a War Museum due to its heritage significance.

'Will write to Police Commissioner'

"The Old DC Office and the adjacent park have become less frequented areas. In response, we will take steps to deploy round-the-clock Police or home guards. I will write to the Police Commissioner regarding this matter."

— Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru

Until this plan is realised, it's imperative for the authorities to take measures to maintain the sanctity of the building. Neglecting this responsibility might result in the building meeting the same fate as Lansdowne Building, another heritage structure, which we cannot afford to ignore.

District Minister thanks people

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Due to popular demand, Dasara illumination has been extended until Nov. 3. With Dasara concluded, Dr. Mahadevappa has instructed Government officials and staff to return to their regular duties promptly, expedite pending work, and address public grievances.

Regarding Dasara expenditure details, the Minister mentioned that the Deputy Commissioner (DC) will release the information within the next 3-4 days.

Responding to speculations about power sharing, Dr. Mahadevappa clarified that the Chief Minister's post is not vacant, with Siddharamaiah serving as the CM. He stated that there is currently no proposal for power sharing, as Siddharamaiah is a democratically elected Chief Minister.

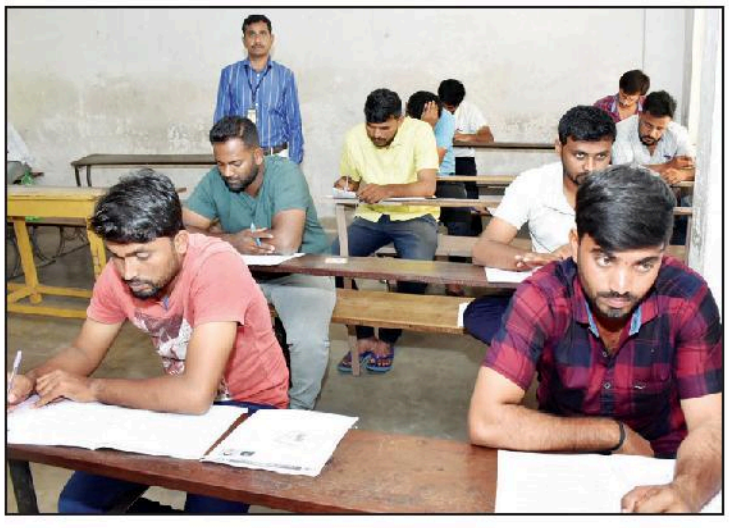
City Congress President R. Murthy, Congress Rural President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, party spokesperson M. Lakshmana and other leaders were present.

Thousands attend written exam for Govt. appointments on second and final day

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (BLU&DM)- The second and concluding day of the two-day written exam (Oct. 28 and 29) for appointment to clerical vacancies in various Government bodies went off smoothly today in the city.

The exam, conducted by the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA), is being held at 29 centres of the district, including 24 in Mysuru city alone. The exam is being held for filling up over 670 vacancies in KEONICS, Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation, Karnataka Construction and other workers Welfare Board, Mysore Sales International Limited (MSIL) and other Government Bodies (Boards and Corporations).

Over 12,000 candidates had registered for Mysuru centres, out of which 9,565 attended the exam on the second day today. The morning session paper was on General Knowledge and the afternoon session was KEC-2 paper, it is learnt.



Tight Police security was provided around all the 24 centres in the city. The Police had clamped Prohibitory orders in 200 mts radius around all the centres from 6 am to 6 pm on both the days. Accordingly, all photocopy, browsing centres and stationary shops in the vicinity of the centres were closed on both the days.

At hour of grief, accident victim's kin consent for organ donation

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (BS)- The family members of a 41-year-old man, who was declared brain dead after suffering grievous head injuries in a motorbike accident, gave their consent for organ donation, here on Friday.

K.K. Rajesh, an Insurance Advisor and son of Krishne Gowda and Sharadamma couple, Katte Kyathanahalli village in K.R. Pet taluk, Mandya district, is the deceased.

Rajesh had suffered injuries in the accident that occurred at Sharadadevinagar on Oct. 25. He had been admitted to a private hospital in the city but his condition had worsened as he had suffered severe damages in the brain. After all efforts made to retrieve his condition proved futile, the doctors treating him declared him brain dead on Friday afternoon, it is said.

Rajesh's wife Arpitha, an employee of MCC and mother Sharadamma consented for organ donation, which drew wide appreciation from others for showing humanity at the hour of grief.

Rajesh

The last rites were performed at his native Katte Kyathanahalli yesterday afternoon.

Rajesh is survived by his parents, wife and two sons, father-in-law A.L. Kempugowda (President of Mandya District Raitha Sangha), a large number of relatives and friends.

Melukote MLA Darshan Puttannaiah, Raitha Sangha leader Suneetha Puttannaiah and several other leaders have condoled Rajesh's death.

'Kapok' - The white silk cotton tree

Kapok' is a fast growing majestic tree with cantilevered branches and a buttressed trunk with mature seed pods bursting out cotton-like fluff. It is found wild as well as cultivated. The tree blooms at night and emits a strong odour which attracts nocturnal pollinators. It is an exotic tree native to Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. In the rain forests of Amazon, it is the tallest tree and host to numerous aerial plants, insects, birds, frogs and other animals. The tree is naturalised and well-distributed in hotter parts of India (South and Western India, Andaman), Burma, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Java. The scientific name is 'Ceiba pentandra' belonging to the family Malvaceae (earlier placed in the family Bombacaceae). The generic name 'Ceiba' is an aboriginal name of Central America and specific name 'pentandra' refers to 'five stamens' in the flower.

COMMON NAMES

English: The white silk cotton tree, Java Cotton, Java Kapok, Singapore Kapok, Ceiba; **Kannada:** Biliburuga; **Hindi:** Safed Semal, Kapok, Katan, Safed Savara, Shalmali; **Tamil:** Ilavam, Elavam, Panji; **Telgu:** Tellaburuga; **Malayalam:** Ilavu, Panjimaram, Siimappuula. The tree is the national emblem of Guatemala, Puerto Rico, and Equatorial Guinea.

DESCRIPTION

It is a tall massive tree possessing a broad based straight trunk with buttressed and horizontal whorled branches spreading right angles to the trunk, attaining a height of 60 ft. or more under ideal conditions; but can go up to 200 ft. with 10 ft. in diameter. Stems are prickly and greenish when young turning to brownish white with age. The trunk exudes red gum. It has pale green compound leaves with digitately divided leaflets, 5-8, with short pedicels (stalk), which are winged. Leaflets are lanceolate shaped.

The flowers are produced in axillary clusters on short stout tubercles near the end of the branches. The bulb shaped green sepals are teeth like at the end. The greenish white fleshy floral petals are twice or thrice long as the sepals; and united at the base with obtuse tips. The spindle shaped capsular fruits, overhanging from the branches in a leafless condition burst open, exposing the cotton like substance 'floss.' The floss is closely packed around the globular pea like black seeds.

Three regional specific eco-varieties have been recognised — var. indica (Indian form), var. carebea (American form), var. africa (African form) based on the variations in morphology of stem, leaves, flowers, fruits and floss.

A variant of 'Ceiba pentandra,' which produces reddish pink flowers, is also seen. This is confused for 'Red silk cotton tree' or 'Semal' (Bombax ceiba syn. Bombax malabarica), which also produces floss. The 'Ceiba pentandra' can be easily distinguished from 'Bombax ceiba' (Semal) by the nature of the flowers. In 'Semal,' flowers produced in a leafless condition, are red, very conspicuous & attractive; whereas the flowers are neither conspicuous nor attractive in 'Kapok.' Nevertheless, the most distinguishing feature is the presence of numerous stamens in one bundle in 'Semal.' In addition, prickles in 'Kapok' are very big & persistent and the leaves fall off at the time of fruiting.

USEFUL TIPS

- The tree is cultivated for ornamental value and commercial purposes.
- It is suitable for parks and large gardens and big avenues.
- The tree can be grown in saline tracts also.
- It attracts nocturnal pollinators like bats (Indian flying fox, short nosed fruit bat etc.). Insects like bees and wasps also visit the flowers during night as well as day time.
- Pollen is allergic.
- The tree is a host for 'Mango wood worms' which infect the wood resulting in the death of the mango trees. Therefore, the Kapok tree should not be cultivated near mango groves.

USES

The floss, the 'Kapok' of commerce, is resistant to water and decay. It is used in stuffing cushions, pillows, mattresses, dolls; in bedding and upholstery. It is also a good material for padded surgical dressings. The floss is also used in thermal insulations. A vegetable oil similar to cotton seed oil is produced. It is used as an adulterant to peanut oil in China. The oil has potential to be used as a biofuel and in paint preparation. Decoction of the bark, in its nativity, has been used as a diuretic, aphrodisiac and to treat type II diabetes besides an additive in some versions of the psychedelic drink Ayahuasca. The wood is light, soft and suitable for making canoes, toys etc.

GARDENING

The trees require moist climate & well-drained soil; and survive well in elevations less than 1,500 m. The trees are generally propagated from the seeds. Pole-like large stem cuttings also root easily and can be used for growing the plants in-situ. They grow rapidly and begin to fruit within 3 to 6 years.

WHERE TO SEE

Not a common tree. Seen in few places. I have noticed it on Vijayanagara 3rd Stage near Sangam Circle Main Road. The giant tree, a variant with reddish pink flowers is seen in Curzon Park, Mysuru.

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Learning requires constant refinement of knowledge

Former ISRO Chairman A.S. Kiran Kumar at 13th Graduation Day of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (BCT)- "Learning is an ongoing journey that requires a continuous refinement of knowledge to align with the dynamic landscape of today's world. Failing to evolve our understanding and adapt leaves us lagging in pursuing progress," opined *Padma Shri* A.S. Kiran Kumar, former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

He made these remarks at the 13th Graduation Day of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, recently. A total of 502 Ph.D., UG and PG students received their degrees, including 62 rank holders and medal winners.

Emphasising the significance of meaningful education, Kiran Kumar stated, "Our learning must align with societal progress. We should move beyond excessive desire and become contributors to our community. The application of science and technology should cater to everyday needs of common individual."

He underscored that fostering such forward-thinking perspectives is only achievable through valuable education. He also stressed the importance of students acquainting themselves with the foundational knowledge embedded in our rich heritage and cultural legacy.

The guest of honour, M. Sankaran, Director of U.R. Rao Satellite Centre, ISRO, added, "Upon graduating, it's crucial to remain open to the ongoing lessons that life presents. Ceasing to learn at any point opens the door for others to seize the opportunities and positions available to you. Therefore, it's imperative to confront life's challenges, continually acquire new knowledge, and share that knowledge."

In his benedictory address, Sampujya Swami Poornamritananda Puri, General Secretary of Mata Amritanandamayi Math, stated that the essence of our being should remain untainted, as it's this purity that propels us to great heights in life.

Dr. K. Sankaran, Registrar of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Dr. R. Dandapani, Controller of Examinations, Dr. U. Krishankumar, Dean, Dr. Prashant R. Nair, Vice- Chairman of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Br. Anantaananda Chaithanya, Director of Mysuru campus, Br. Muktidamrta Chaitanya, Correspondent, Dr. Shekar Babu, Associate Dean, Dr. G. Ravindranath, Principal and others were present.

'ISRO functioned as a cohesive team in Chandrayaan-3'

Recounting the successful moments of the Chandrayaan-3 project, M. Sankaran, Director of U.R. Rao Satellite Centre, ISRO, stated that the entire ISRO collaborated as a cohesive team to achieve this triumph. The most significant reward for this collective effort was the unprecedented success. Behind this endeavour, the foundation of support lay in the positive wishes of thousands of individuals. Even those who were not acquainted with the project offered prayers and good wishes, he said.

Former Chairman of ISRO Kiran Kumar emphasised the importance of ensuring that science, technology and space knowledge benefit the general populace. Illustrating the remarkable efforts of ISRO, he highlighted the responsibilities undertaken by ISRO during cyclones and in aiding fishermen with navigation.

No short cut to success, hard work only mantra: CFTRI Director

Mysuru, Oct. 29- 'Students have to emphasise the importance of taking career seriously and to acquire potentiality for further education beyond earning a degree. They are to be responsible citizens and should not expect the success as a defined monetary achievement,' said Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director of the CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru.

She was speaking after inaugurating 'Deeksharambh: UG Students Induction Programme 2023-24' organised by JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Ooty Road, recently.

She urged the students to consider life as a journey rather than a mere competition, striving to become the best version of themselves. Dr. Sridevi encouraged students by citing India's recent achievements in Asian Games as an example of what can be accomplished through hard work and dedication.

Sharing the historical context of Mysore Maharaja's role in establishing CFTRI in 1950, she highlighted the ongoing issue of insufficient food access for women and children and recommended that education be paired with a focus on personal health, advocating for the consumption of nutritious food.

Chief Executive of the College, Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah presided. Principal Dr. S. Prathibha welcomed. The IQAC Coordinator Dr. N. Rajendraprasad proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. L. Vinay Kumar, NCC Officer and Organising Secretary compered. Pooja Hegde, final year B.Sc. student rendered the invocation.

Ekagrid seeks 200 acres to set up University in Mysuru

Mysuru, Oct. 29 (BLU&BCT)- Ekagrid, a ground-breaking multidisciplinary Research University, driven by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and focused on Science and Technology in the US, is seeking 200 acres of land from Karnataka Government to establish its campus in Mysuru or Bengaluru.

Its vision is to become an institution of global prominence, on par with renowned Universities like Stanford and Harvard, with the goal of ranking among world's top 25 Universities by 2050.

Prof. Krishna Saraswat from Stanford and Shailendra Kumar, COO of Ekagrid, met M.B. Patil, Karnataka's Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, during his visit to the USA to discuss this initiative. Founded in 2018, Ekagrid University's primary focus is on AI research and offering Ph.D programmes, according to an official statement.

The University's core mission is to drive the growth of high-tech industries in India, tackle significant societal and industrial challenges, conduct ground-breaking research, generate new knowledge, foster innovation and entrepreneurship, enhance the skills of professionals and prepare the next generation of researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders. While Ekagrid plans to introduce postgraduate courses at a later stage, Prof. Saraswat informed the Minister about their immediate plans. During his 12-day tour of the US to attract investments to the State, Minister Patil and his team received assurances that Ekagrid University's research endeavours would significantly contribute to the region's development.

Ekagrid University has ambitious plans for advancing AI research in India. Pending the allocation of the requested land by the Karnataka Government, the University aims to launch undergraduate programmes in either Mysuru or Bengaluru.

Mysuru to gain immensely

Mysuru, which already hosts major IT giants such as Infosys and Wipro, stands to gain even greater cultural significance with the potential addition of Ekagrid's campus. This development is expected to attract students from both India and abroad. Additionally, the construction of the proposed campus on 200 acres of land is anticipated to create numerous employment opportunities for local residents.

Securing required land in Bengaluru has proven to be challenging for Ekagrid Varsity due to existing agreements with various companies, including Foxconn, to establish their operations in city. These companies have already been granted necessary land.

As a result, identifying a large plot of land in Bengaluru could be a formidable task, even for the Government. Consequently, establishing an Ekagrid University campus in Mysuru appears to be a promising possibility, given the availability of ample land.

Mysuru is already well-equipped with an airport, excellent rail connectivity, including express and well-maintained train services. ensuring convenient accessibility.

WORD OF THE DAY

Voracity

Pronunciation: vuh-RASS-uh-tee.
Meaning: Voracity refers to an immoderate eagerness or enthusiasm for something, or to an intense desire to eat or consume something.
Origin: The insatiable word nerds among us will appreciate voracity, a word used to refer to both literal and figurative appetites that simply cannot be quelled. Voracity comes to us (via Middle French) from the Latin word voracitas, which itself comes from the combining of vorax, meaning "voracious," with -itas, the Latin equivalent of the English noun suffix -ity. Voracity is one of two English words that mean "the quality or state of being voracious." The other is voraciousness, which was once considered archaic but has made a comeback. Because voracity developed from non-English forerunners, rather than being created in English from voracious (as was voraciousness), the word may strike some English speakers as an unusual formation. It's not surprising, therefore, that the more familiar-looking voraciousness has reappeared—most likely through a process of reinvention by people unfamiliar with voracity.
Example: "Wildfires also emerged at tough-to-control voracity and speed, ravaging hundreds of thousands of acres across southern Europe and the U.S. Pacific Northwest."— Forbes, 27 Sept. 2021

THE ODD WORD

Vafrous

Cunning; sly.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Over the top

Meaning: The phrase 'Over the top' is used when a goal or quota has been surpassed, or when something is outrageously overdone or too extreme.
Origin: During the First World War, the phrase 'Over the top' was used to describe infantrymen emerging from the relative safety of their trenches to attack their enemies across open ground. An early example of the term in print comes from a 1916 edition of War Illustrated: "Some fellows asked our captain when we were going over the top."
Example: "Her fundraising campaign went over the top by $5,000."

QUOTE BOX

The top of one mountain is always the bottom of another.

—Marianne Williamson

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

NOW IN HERE

Answer: No where in sight.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Boletus mushrooms
5 Split second
10 Chemical-free
13 Double-reeds
14 Small tenacious dog
15 Deli item
16 Top-end of ceremonial costume
18 Not on?
19 Vital fluid
20 "Waterloo" group
24 Corpulent
27 Eyelashes cosmetic
29 Football club Newcastle ___
32 A marine barker!
33 Educate again - "cheer at" anagram?
35 Aishwarya Rai's petname?
36 No, in Berlin?
37 Comparative ending ?
39 Sigh of contentment
42 On hand
45 Chuck
49 More spacious
50 Slow way of speaking
51 Began or commenced
52 English guns
53 Labourer of yore

DOWN

1 "C" in P&T dept.'s PC
2 Girl's name
3 Moorage sites
4 Yell in terror
5 Tasks
6 Ind. Bankers Assoc.
7 Mist or smog
8 Price for services
9 Designer monogram
10 Roman emperor - "hoot" anagram?
11 This often surrounds a coral island
12 Scrawl on walls
17 Health resorts
20 Aircraft Collision Avoidance Sys.
21 Vice (3,5)
22 Brother, in short
23 Local fire or famous Hindi movie of days gone by?
25 Egyptian symbol - "neat" anagram?
26 Beverage served hot or iced?
28 Arabian or Red or Black
29 Large vase
30 French word for "born"
31 604 in Rome
34 Funeral vehicle
38 Disturbances created by mobs
40 On the sheltered side
41 Group of cows
42 Pricking tools
43 Advance
44 Ex-India batsman Pravin ___
45 Tax deducted at source, in short
46 Hormone replacement therapy, abbr.
47 "Are" anagram for a foreign boy's name?
48 Have or possess

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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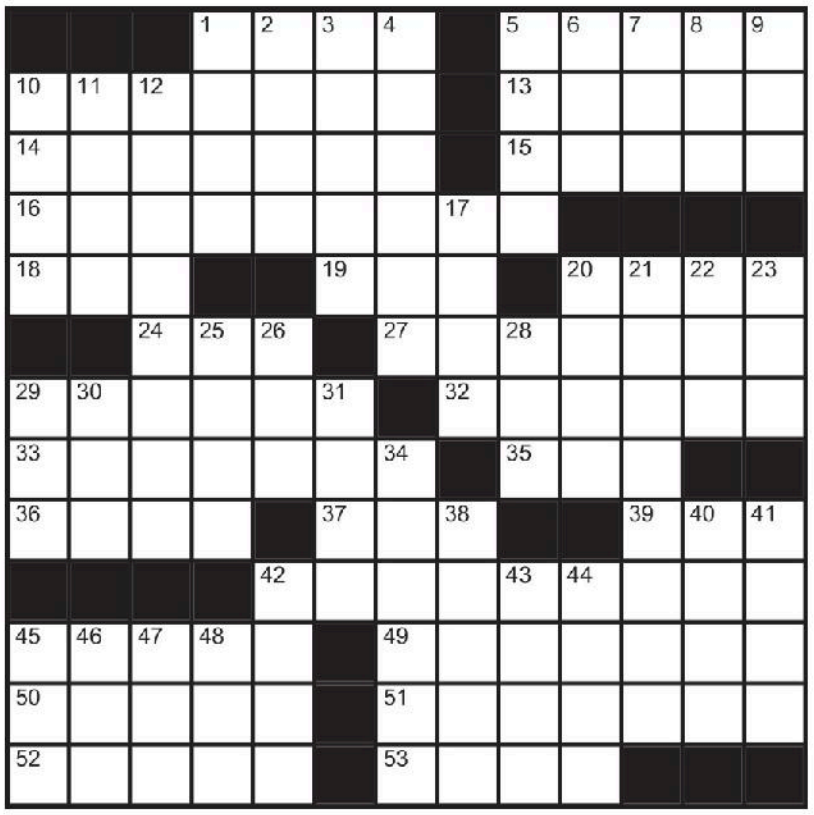

SUDOKU

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	5			1			7	
9				5				6
	4	5				8	9	
3								4
	6	1				2	5	
6				9				5
	3			7			4	
			6	8	3			

Answer to previous puzzle

7	6	8	2	3	5	4	1	9
9	4	3	8	1	6	7	2	5
1	5	2	7	4	9	3	6	8
6	9	1	4	5	2	8	7	3
3	2	5	1	7	8	9	4	6
8	7	4	6	9	3	1	5	2
4	3	6	9	2	7	5	8	1
2	1	9	5	8	4	6	3	7
5	8	7	3	6	1	2	9	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TDBDI WDL E PEC YEZZ LOEL CMA XGWW OEBD

FEAZD LM ZEC, G XGWW PM SDLLDI LMNMIIMX.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Through perseverance many people win success out of what seemed destined to be certain failure.

MOVIE LOVERS

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  Leo (H) - 4 Shows
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- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
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Ghost (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 7.10 pm; (S-3) 1.20 pm
	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
Leo (Ta)	(S-1)	4 pm, 10 pm; (S-2) 10.25 am
	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 6.55 pm
Inamdar (K)	(S-2)	1.35 pm
Tejas (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Pulimad (Ma)	(S-2)	9.45 pm
Ronnie (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
12th Fail (H)	(S-3)	4.05 pm, 7.00 pm
Killers of the Flower Moon (E)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-4)	10.20 am

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Ghost (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm 6.45 pm, 9.20 pm
Leo (Ta)	:	10.30 am, 1 pm, 4.20 pm 7.30 pm, 9.15 pm
Leo (K)	:	3 pm, 6.10 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	10.40 am, 1.15 pm
12th Fail (H)	:	9.20 pm

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Killers of the Flower Moon (E)	:	10 am, 2.05 pm, 6.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Tejas (H)	:	11.05 am, 1.45 pm, 4.25, 7.05 pm
Leo (Ta)	:	11.55 am, 4.10 pm, 6.15 pm 9.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Leo (K)	:	12.45 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	1.00 pm, 7.00 pm
12th Fail (H)	:	3.50 pm
Ganapath - A Hero is Born (H)	:	4.10 pm
Bhagavanth Kesari (Te)	:	7.05 pm
Mujib: Making of a Nation (H)	:	10 pm

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Leo (Ta)	:	9.35 am, 1 pm, 3.40, 7.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Ghost (K)	:	10.00 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Tejas (H)	:	10.20 am, 1.00 pm, 4.25 pm 7.05 pm, 10:30 pm
Mujib: Making of a Nation (H)	:	12.10 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	3.50 pm, 9.50 pm
12th Fail (K)	:	6.40 pm

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 29)

- **Bharathi Yogadhama:** Ardhamandalotsava, Bharathi Yogadhama premises, Vijayagiri, Uttanahalli, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** 'Vainika Vaibhava' to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Mysore V. Doreswamy Iyengar, conferring of 'Vainika Brahma' title on Vidu. Revathi Murthy by MLA T.S. Srivatsa, it will be followed by a Veena Concert by Vidu. Revathi Murthy accompanied by Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Sarvajayanandaji speaks on 'Sri Sri Rama Krishna Charite,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Andha Yuga,' written by Dharmaveera Bharati and directed by Mandya Ramesh, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Vennicina Vyapara,' directed by Amith J. Reddy, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 30)

- **Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI):** Centenary year celebrations, Medical Exhibition, Library Hall building, ground floor of MMC&RI, Irwin Road, **10 am to 5 pm.** [Entry is free]
- **JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Division of Biochemistry, School of Life Sciences, Mysuru:** International Conference on 'Genetics and Epigenetics of Cancer,' inauguration by Dr. Murugesan Manoharan, Chief and Director, Urologic Oncology and Robotic Urologic Surgery, Miami Cancer Institute, Baptist Health South Florida, USA, Dr. Suresh Bhojraj, Pro-Chancellor delivers keynote address, release of Conference Abstracts Compendium by Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, presides, Sri Rajendra auditorium, JSS Medical College, JSS AHER, Mysuru, **10 am.**
- **Co-Curricular Activities Committee, Adhyapakara Balaga, Maharaja's College, University of Mysore (UoM):** Talent Hunt, Prof. N.K. Lokanath, VC, UoM, inaugurates, R. Shylaja, Registrar, UoM, chief guest, felicitation to the College Principal, Centenary Hall, Maharaja's College, **10.30 am.**
- **Pushkara Prakashana:** Launching of October edition of Kannada Law Monthly 'Law for All' led by Suresh Kartal, inauguration by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar and MLA D. Ravishankar, Mysore Bar Association President M. Mahadevaswamy and MLA Darshan Dhruvanarayan will release the book, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, 'Law for All' Chief Editor K.B. Suresh will be present, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **1.30 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Hitihasa Sankalana Samiti, Karnataka:** Book release — 'Charitartha' (Manyashri Haribhau Vaze avara hejjegalu) — by MLC Shantaram Siddi, Dr. Vaman Rao Bapat presides, Madhava Krupa, JLB Road, **5.45 pm.**

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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Ghost (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-4)	9.50 am
Leo (Ta)	(S-1)	10.20 am
	(S-2)	3.10 pm, 6.35 pm, 10 pm
Tejas (H)	(S-3)	10 am, 12.45 pm, 3.30 pm 6.15 pm, 9.00 pm
Mujib- Making of a Nation (H)	(S-4)	6.40 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-4)	12.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Leo (K)	(S-2)	11.45 am
12th Fail (K)	(S-4)	3.35 pm

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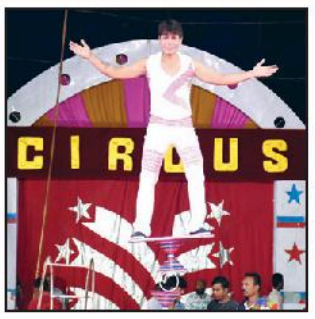
Ghost (K)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 7.05 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	10.05 am, 6.30 pm
Tejas (H)	:	10.10 am, 12.55 pm 7.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Leo (Ta)	:	10.45 am, 2.10 pm, 5.35 pm, 9 pm
Leo (K)	:	3.40 pm
12th Fail (K)	:	12.55 pm
12th Fail (H)	:	3.55 pm
Ronnie (K)	:	4 pm
Inamdar (K)	:	9.20 pm
Ganapath - A Hero is Born (H)	:	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

DAILY ATTRACTIONS



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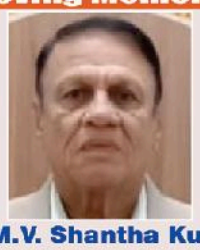

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